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To whom it may concern:

I am against any settlement that Microsoft may receive that includes only organized business for profit. Include all businesses, like not for profit or non profit agencies that may have a competing product, but are software that is open source. Excluding open source from the remedies that Microsoft is charged with would be tantamount to giving them a stranglehold on the entire Internet.

I am further against any remedies that allow Microsoft to gain an unfair advantage in our public schools. Apple has long been a supporter of K-12 education and handing Microsoft an advantage into this educational arena would be a mistake. Apple and Linux should be given as much consideration, if not more, in the educational support in the remedies phase. Have Microsoft place the money into an educational trust fund that allows the schools to choose what hardware and software they would like to use. In addition, Microsoft should have no say in how this trust is administered.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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